Amendments to Specification

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Paragraph at page 5, lines 20-35:

Figures 1A-1D shows a comparison of the amino acid sequences of the Arabidopsis thaliana glutamine amidotransferase protein having NCBI General Identifier No. 3219164 (SEQ ID NO:15) and the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert in clone ids.pk0024.c4 (SEQ ID NO:2) encoding an entire glutamine amidotransferase (HisHF) and the amino acid sequences encoding partial glutamine amidotransferases (HisHF) from corn contig assembled from clones cpe1c.pk012.c10, p0010.cbpbq28r, and p0131.ccdap46r (SEQ ID NO:4), corn contig assembled from clones cco1n.pk071.i21, cco1n.pk071.i21:fis, cpj1c.pk005.p14, p0016.ctscc75r, and rlr48.pk0001.f5 (SEQ ID NO:6), corn clone p0119.cmtnx82r (SEQ ID NO:8), rice clone rr1.pk094.n24 (SEQ ID NO:10), soybean clone sdp4c.pk002.n13 (SEQ ID NO:12), and a soybean contig assembled from clones sl1.pk152.c18, sl1.pk152.c18:fis, and src3c.pk022.b14 (SEQ ID NO:14). The predicted CTP cleavage site is indicated with an arrow above the sequences. The, the carbamoyl-phosphate synthase protein GATASE domain signature E motif 2 and the GATASE type 1 motif are boxed. An asterisk (*) above the alignment indicates those amino acids conserved among impatiens and Arabidopsis sequences. The location of the amino acids which werewhen mutagenized without effected on the enzyme activity are indicated by a grayblack box and white letters. Dashes are used by the program to maximize the alignment.

Paragraph at page 22, lines 5-13:

Figure 1 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 and the Arabidopsis thaliana sequence (SEQ ID NO:15) and the amino acid sequences from corn contig assembled from clones cpe1c.pk012.c10, p0010.cbpbq28r, and p0131.ccdap46r (SEQ ID NO:4), corn contig assembled from clones cco1n.pk071.i21, cco1n.pk071.i21:fis, cpi1c.pk005.p14, p0016.ctscc75r, and rlr48.pk0001.f5 (SEQ ID NO:6), corn clone p0119.cmtnx82r (SEQ ID NO:8), rice clone rr1.pk094.n24 (SEQ ID NO:10), soybean clone sdp4c.pk002.n13 (SEQ ID NO:12), and soybean contig assembled from clones sl1.pk152.c18, sl1.pk152.c18:fis, and src3c.pk022.b14 (SEQ ID NO:14). Indicated with an arrow above the sequences is the location of the predicted CTP cleavage site. Boxed are the carbamoylphosphate synthase protein GATASE domain signature E motif 2 (probably containing the active Cysteine) and the GTASE type 1 domain. An asterisk (*) above the alignment indicates those amino acids conserved among both the impatiens and Arabidopsis sequences. The location of the amino acids which when mutagenized effected enzyme activity are indicated by a grayblack box and white letters. An x above the sequence indicates amino acids which when mutated diminish the function of the enzymes and an equal sign (=) above the alignment indicates the amino acids which when mutated do not appear to effect the activity of the enzyme.